ITEM 7 Designated Federal Officer's Report

Information Item

California Bay-Delta Authority

October 13, 2005

RECLAMATION Managing Water in the West

BDPAC 101



U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

BDPAC CHARTER RENEWAL

Is it a Legal Issue that Prompted Interior to Make Changes?

What Did We Do Wrong/Specific Examples?

Why Was the Issue Not Addressed in Little Hoover Commission Paper?

Why Does the Authority Staff Provide Administrative Support to BDPAC?

Greater Role Moving Forward

BDPAC CHARTER RENEWALS

RENEWED AND REVIEWED EVERY 2 YEARS "COMPLIANCE" WITH FEDERAL LAW CLARIFICATION OF ROLES

FEDERAL and STATE ATTORNEYS IN AGREEMENT WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESSIONAL, GAO REVIEWS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Federal Advisory Committees are established to advise officers and agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government and play an important role in shaping programs and policies of the Federal Government

- Membership is a personal appointment cleared through the White House
- Meetings must be noticed in the Federal Register for 15 days prior to a meeting
- Designated Federal Official (DFO) or designee must be present
- Quorum must be present for recommendation to be approved or advanced

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BDPAC (advisory, compliant w/Federal law)

- DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL (compliance, advance recommendations)
- BDPAC Members (advise & recommend to the SOI)
- BDPAC Subcommittees (gather data & provide reports & recommendations to BDPAC)

Bay-Delta Authority Board (coordination/oversight, compliant w/State law)